

James 4:1–10



1 Where do the conflicts and where do the quarrels among you come from? Is it not from this, from your passions that battle inside you? 2 You desire and you do not have; you murder and envy and you cannot obtain; you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask; 3 you ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, so you can spend it on your passions. 4 Adulterers, do you not know that friendship with the world means hostility toward God? So whoever decides to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy. 5 Or do you think the scripture means nothing when it says, "The spirit that God caused to live within us has an envious yearning"? 6 But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble." 7 So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and make your hearts pure, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn your laughter into mourning and your joy into despair. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.



Friendship With The World

1. Where do *conflicts and quarrels* among us come from (4:1)?
2. Define *lust* (4:2) [Gr. *epithumeo*].
3. Why are some prayers not answered as we might desire (4:3)?
4. What is "friendship with the world" (4:4)?
5. What does God give the humble (4:6)?
6. How can one *resist* the devil (4:7)?
7. How does one draw near to God (4:8)?
8. How should one turn laughter to mourning (4:9)?
9. How does one humble himself before God (4:10)?